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SUBJECT: UNDIPLOMATIC TREATMENT OF DIPLOMATS

SUMMARY: TO DATE TREATMENT OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, DEPENDENTS,
AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN MOZAMBIQUE RANGES FROM BAD TO WORSE.
END SUMMARY.

1. ITEM - PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICIAL CAR WAS FLYING FLAG
ON FENDER WHEN FRELIMO SOLDIER STOPPED DRIVER TO SAY PORTUGUESE
FLAG NO LONGER PERMISSIBLE IN MOZAMBIQUE. WHEN DRIVER PRO-
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TESTED, HE WAS HAULED OUT AND BEATEN UP.

2. ITEM - UN RESREP ANTHONY BALINSKI AND THREE UN MISSION STAFFERS RETURNING TO LOURENCO MARQUES FROM RECENT VISIT TO BEACH RESORT PONTO D'OURO WERE STOPPED AT ONE OF THE UBIQUITOUS ROAD CHECKPOINTS. INEBRIATED FRELIMO SOLDIER MANNING POST HELD UP PARTY FOR TWO HOURS UNTIL LOCAL COMMANDER ARRIVED TO SECURE THEIR RELEASE.

3. ITEM - DANISH AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO TANZANIA AND MOZAMBIQUE, HANS BIERING, AND WIFE ARRIVED IN LOURENCO MARQUES SEPTEMBER 13. DESPITE PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS WITH FRELIMO, NOBODY FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL OFFICE WAS AT AIRPORT TO MEET THEM. AFTER BEING PHYSICALLY FRISKED AT AIRPORT COUPLE MADE THEIR WAY TO HOTEL. AMBASSADOR DID NOT GET APPOINTMENT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY UNTIL FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY WHERE UPON ARRIVAL HE WAS AGAIN FRISKED BY SOLDIER BEFORE ALLOWED ENTRY. REPORTEDLY, AMBASSADOR, WHEN HE SAID MAIN PURPOSE OF MOZAMBIQUE VISIT WAS TO PRESENT CHECK FOR \$242,718 FROM DANISH GOVERNMENT, PROTOCOL MAN SAID, "WELL YOU CAN LEAVE IT WITH ME". (EVENTUALLY, AMBASSADOR WAS ABLE TO PRESENT CHECK TO MINISTER MARCELINO DOS SANTOS.)

4. ITEM - SWEDISH CHARGE GORAN HASSELMARK ON CALL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERWENT USUAL FRISKING AND THEN HAD CONTENTS OF HIS ATTACHE CASE GONE THROUGH BY ZEALOUS GUARDS. THEY EVEN TOOK HIS BALL POINT PEN APART. SEEING SOME CIGARETTES, ONE GUARD ASKED FOR SOME. HASSELMARK ANSWERED IN FLUENT PORTUGUESE THAT BUMMING CIGARETTES WAS PERHAPS "NOT FOLLOWING FRELIMO'S IDEOLOGICAL LINE" AND IF GUARD PERSISTED HE WOULD BE REPORTED.

5. ITEM - WHILE WEST GERMAN AND AMERICAN DIPLOMAT DEPENDENTS (BOTH NOT ACCREDITED) TRAVELING TOGETHER, WERE UNDERGOING USUAL FRELIMO CAR INSPECTION NEAR NAMAACHA ON THEIR WAY TO SWAZILAND SEP 14, TWO CARS BEARING CD PLATES CAME TOOLING ALONG AND PAST CHECKPOINT. GUARD MADE A LEAP, GRABBED HIS GUN AND WAS ABOUT TO FIRE OFF A FEW ROUNDS. CARS SCREECHED TO HALT AND APOPLECTIC RUSSIAN CHARGE (ARKADI GALOUKHOV) TOGETHER WITH HIS PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING INTERPRETER GOT OUT AND GESTICULATING WILDLY BEGAN WHAT WE ALL TRIED ONCE, EXPLAINING WHY GUARD COULD NOT SEARCH CAR, DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, ETC. THEY RECEIVED USUAL RESPONSE, "GET BACK TO THE END OF THE LINE AND OPEN YOUR TRUNK". (COMMENT: THERE WAS A CERTAIN IRONY IN RUSSIANS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBLY BEING SHOT AT WITH A KALASHNIKOV.)

6. ITEM -- EGYPTIAN CHARGE MOHAMMED SALAM, WHO ADMITS TO SHORT TEMPER, PROBABLY HOLDS RECORD FOR RUN-INS WITH THE GOVT. WHEN GUARDS WANTED TO GO THROUGH HIS BRIEFCASE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY HE THREATENED TO CALL OFF HIS APPOINTMENT. UNABLE TO FIND A SUITABLE HOUSE TO RENT, HE DECIDED TO PURCHASE ONE. AFTER NEGOTIATING CONTRACT WITH WILLING OWNER, HE WAS ABOUT

TO SIGN PAPERS WHEN THE MINISTRY INFORMED HIM "FOREIGN DIPLOMATS NOT ALLOWED TO OWN PROPERTY IN MOZAMBIQUE". MORE RECENTLY MINISTRY SAID IF SALAM PLANNED TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE L.M. HE SHOULD LET THEM KNOW IN WRITING FIVE DAYS AHEAD OF TIME "FOR SECURITY REASONS". DECIDING TO SPEND THE WEEKEND ON INHACA ISLAND, HE SENT REQUESTED LETTER. A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE MINISTRY SAID THEY COULD NOT GUARANTEE HIS SAFETY AND IF HE WENT HE WOULD HAVE TO WRITE ANOTHER LETTER ASSUMING FULL RESPONSIBILITY. FUMING, HE CANCELLED HIS TRIP.

7. COMMENT: FOREIGN DIPLOMATS ARE GETTING PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE AT TURNING THE OTHER CHECK IN A COUNTRY WHICH SEEMS TO CONSIDER THE VIENNA CONVENTION AS SOME SORT OF GET-TOGETHER FOR AUSTRIANS. JACOBSEN

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